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MILLIONS IN SPUDS

SOME one is responsible for a very grave error that has gained extensive circulation outside and inside the state to the detriment of the potato crop, which, according to the best authorities, including the U. S. department of agriculture, is one of the best and most prolific assets of Nevada. From statements recently printed the impression has gained ground that the spud production of this state is less than a million dollars and that the sale of potatoes next year will bring into Nevada the sum of \$600,000. Nothing could be further from the truth. The fact is that the potato crop of this state for 1915, the last year in which the department of agriculture has issued absolute figures, was valued at \$1,565,000, based on a production of 2,236,000 bushels returns from the planting of 13,000 acres. These figures represent the farm value and therefore do not approximate the whole sum placed in circulation by this humble and popular crop. With one solitary exception, and that is the state of Maine, where they specialize on the homely tuber, Nevada boasts of the highest yield per acre of any state in the union, and the highest net realization in the country, none excepted. For the ten year average from 1906 to 1915 the field averaged 162 bushels per acre in Nevada and 204 bushels in Maine. For 1915 the value per acre in Maine was \$108.50, compared with \$120.40 in Nevada. That shows where the money comes in for the man with a little industry and knowledge of the planting of spuds. But these figures do not begin to convey the concrete truth, which can only be realized by ascertaining that in Idaho spuds net the farmer \$70 per acre; in Utah, \$78.75; in Washington, \$71.55; in Oregon, \$69.00, and in California, \$97.50 per acre. These should be sufficient inducements to advertise the advantages of this state as a spud section, but it appears something is lacking, for the world is not aware of the excellence of the product raised on the fine sandy loam soil of this arid state.

To return to the original subject, it should be understood that the potato crop of Nevada in 1917 will come within a fraction of touching the value of all the other mineral productions, with the precious metals and copper omitted. Since Tonopah is a mining section, mining parallels will serve better to convey the importance of the spud crop. The farm value of 1915 was based on the selling price of 70 cents per bushel, but this year the farmers are getting \$1.50 per bushel for all they can deliver to the railroad, and consumers will have to pay far better than that before they see the new potato in the market. Accepting the increase for next year to be only 50 per cent over that of 1915, which is a moderate estimate, the crop will amount to 3,354,000 bushels, valued at \$5,031,000. When it is considered that the wonderful mines of Tonopah disburse approximately \$4,000,000 a year in dividends, then the readers of the Bonanza will be in a better frame of mind to judge for themselves what is due the men who are planting the lowly spud and cultivating an outside market. The value of the silver product of Nye county for 1914 was \$6,317,897, so it can be seen that the rapidly enhancing white metal has a rival worthy of notice in the new aspirant for honors. The news bureau of the Southern Pacific anticipates an increase of 100 per cent in the Nevada potato crop for 1917, and, on that basis, the traffic department is arranging to take care of the crop. If these estimates are fulfilled, then the reader is at liberty to add just one-half to the foregoing estimate of the value of the Nevada potato crop to arrive at a clear understanding of what is doing in the way of agricultural development.

It is not alone in the increased acreage that this state is bound to shine, for every effort is being applied to establish better records for acre production. Eugene Crubb, the world's greatest potato expert, who visited Nevada last year with the object of educating farmers in the proper methods for securing the best results from their labor, says that the average acre yield of Nevada should not be less than 500 bushels per acre, which would bring at the present abnormal prices over \$750 per acre. That this is not an overdrawn picture it is cited that in the boys' potato club work of eleven states the lads made an average yield of 483.10 bushels at an average acre cost of \$82.35.

HUGHES HAD THE FIGHT LEAD

WHEN it comes to dissecting all the political blather and bluster of the campaign it will be found that Mr. Hughes was not far astray in his estimates of the conduct of the present administration at Washington. One of his charges was that the diplomatic service was the home of every misfit politician who had to be required for past favors and that in a majority of cases the men landed in these important jobs were unsuited temperamentally or by education for the onerous duties thrust upon them. This allegation has been admitted to be a solemn reality, for an Association Press dispatch, about which there cannot be the slightest cavil, says it is the custom of all members of the diplomatic corps to turn in their resignations on the expiration of the presidential term. This is accepted by Mr. Wilson as an easy way to get out of an ugly dilemma, for the message states: "This will afford Mr. Wilson the necessary opportunity to carry out the plans he has projected, involving a very considerable reorganization of the diplomatic service so far as the heads are concerned." The same authority continues in explanation: "Many of these were appointed without any special knowledge of their part of the peculiar requirements of their posts. Some had no intention of remaining abroad for more than four years. In other cases some who expected to remain abroad for a shorter period have been forced by the exigencies of war to meet the wishes of the state department." This convicts the administration of using the diplomatic service as a junketing annex for the gratification of the wishes of some dear friends who wanted to make tours of the world at expense of the government and whose desires met with prompt acquiescence to extinguish political obligations. In such a crisis as this in Europe and Mexico,

no man but Wilson would have the temerity to remove time tried ministers simply because they were of opposite political faith and turn the interests of the United States over to a bunch of tyros.

PROSPERITY OF COPPER

NO writer can essay to picture the prosperity of Nevada without dwelling on the phenomenal growth of the copper industry, which, even under the present most auspicious conditions, is only in its infancy. Up to date, it may be granted that the copper production of the state has been represented almost exclusively by the porphyry deposits of White Pine county, but before another year rolls around the western producers of high grade copper will be outputting at a rate that will refall the wonderful expansion of the business that absorbs the exclusive attention of Ely. Ten years ago the total production of copper in Nevada was only 413,235 pounds. The following year saw this amount increased to 1,625,985 pounds, and in 1908 the tonnage jumped to 15,598,788 pounds, which was considered marvellous, but it was nothing compared to one year later, when the production rose to 57,976,477 pounds. From that date to 1913 there has been a steady gain, with the high water mark established that year at 90,986,450 pounds. About that time the Underwood tariff began to assert itself and the mines and concentrators went on short time, so the production fell to 60,986,450 pounds in 1914. The value of the copper produced in this state in 1913 was \$14,000,000, in round figures. In 1915 the Nevada Consolidated alone turned out 62,015,538 pounds that netted an average of 18 cents per pound, but the banner year is 1916, in which the same company is producing an average of over 7,000,000 pounds of copper every month, with a total output for the nine months of the current year of 67,933,274 pounds. The production for December was 8,360,000 pounds, which should net the company over \$2,000,000 a month on the basis of 33 cents copper. These earnings exceed the far famed earnings of the Goldfield Consolidated, which not very long ago held the post of honor in the list of Nevada dividend payers, or at the rate of \$48 a minute for the happy stockholders of the Nevada Consolidated.

AUSTIN COMING BACK

J. H. Schwebel, formerly foreman of the Victor shaft, but now superintendent of the Austin-Dakota mine at Austin, sends a very favorable report of the old district and says he firmly believes that it will soon be impressed upon the list of Nevada's producers. There are several properties with an abundance of profitable ore blocked out, but the mine owners are faced by the problems of transportation and lack of local facilities for treatment.

England is said to be awaiting our note on the U-53 raid. And we thought the message already sent was as complete as it was explicit.—San Francisco Chronicle.

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LEASING COMPANY ELECTS OFFICERS

The incorporation meeting of the Universal Leasing company was held at 3:30 yesterday afternoon in the office of J. Grant Crumley in this city. A board of directors was selected as follows: J. B. Kendall, J. W. Skelton, J. M. Gregory, O. McCraney and Mrs. Maude Albert. The board organized by selecting Mr. Kendall as president; Mr. Skelton, vice president; Mr. McCraney, secretary; Arthur Brown, associate secretary, and Mr. Gregory, treasurer. The Tonopah Banking corporation was named as depository. Mrs. Albert is secretary and treasurer of the Mon-Jana-Tonopah Mining company, a unique position for a woman and most competently filled. Mr. Kendall is superintendent of the Goldfield Consolidated Mines company. Mr. Skelton has been an energetic promoter and capable operator in southern Nevada for a decade and a half. Mr. Gregory is cashier and director of the Tonopah Banking corporation and for a long time was assistant state bank examiner. Mr. McCraney holds a responsible position with the Tonopah Belmont Development company.

The company completed the details of the taking over of a property at Pactolus, in Fairplay district, Nye county, Nevada. Details as to the operation of the Cosmopolite mine, in Tuolumne county, California, now under bond and lease, were considered and discussed.

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